

**FDA SWAT TEAM SEIZES
GASTON NAESSENS
INFORMATION**

Denial of the freedom of thought and speech has apparently become an element of the FDA's drive to regulate medicine in the USA. In July, an FDA SWAT team invaded the New York offices of a publishing company to seize information concerning the use of an unapproved material as a cancer treatment.

Materials seized from Writers and Research, Inc. of Rochester, NY, included books and booklets on a controversial camphor-based treatment for cancer called 714X, developed by Gaston Naessens. Also seized was computer equipment, a seizure justified by an agent because it was "used to print information on a substance that is banned in the US". The drug itself was not the target of the raid—only information about it, as well as files of people who had expressed interest in it.

Writers and Research had contacted the FDA in the process of obtaining approval to import 714X into the United States. Towards this end, the company had constituted an Institutional Review Board to examine the claims made for 714X, a step necessary to gaining FDA approval. This had been done two months prior to the FDA raid. The FDA had not disqualified this board, but had prohibited any reference to its findings before approval.



In short, the FDA raided a company prior to that company achieving its stated desire of gaining approval for an alternative medicine. They did not raid to seize medicine. They raided to stop dissemination of information about that medicine.

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**BIG BROTHER & CLINTON'S
HEALTH SECURITY ACT**

Clinton's health care plan ensures that everyone has access to medical care—and ravages the Bill of Rights in the process. If one reads the 1342-page Health Security Act, as Jarret Wollstein did, one wonders what Machiavellian mind devised it. Jarret

Wollstein, Director of the International Society for Individual Liberty and co-author of *Lethal Compassion: Why National Health Care is the Cure that Kills*, explained in an interview published by *The Financial Privacy Report* (May 1994) how Clinton's health care bill affects freedom of choice and medical privacy.

First, Clinton's plan states that everyone "must enroll" in a government-run health alliance and "must pay any premium required". The health premium is actually a payroll tax of 7.6% of the pay cheque, which is about equal to the amount removed from employees' cheques for Social Security. Imagine trying to survive on a minimum wage with another 7.6% taken out. Where is the incentive to work if the pay cheque at the end of the month can't begin to pay for food and housing? The amount of this "premium" is set by the local health alliance and a politically appointed National Health Board at their discretion. No ceiling amount has been set. Self-employed people who refuse to pay or can't afford to pay are fined three times the amount of the premium, or US\$5,000, whichever is higher. If they don't pay, the government has the right to seize their assets. In other words, we have no choice but to pay for this plan, whether we want it or not. We don't even get to vote on it.

But all of us will get the health care we want or need under this plan, right? Wrong. As Wollstein points out, approximately 37 million more people will have access to clinics and doctors. To regulate the increased flow, government "gatekeepers"—not patients, not doctors—will decide who gets in to see a doctor or into a hospital. Anyone who tries to bypass the health plan and use his or her own money to pay for covered medical services faces 15 years imprisonment and fines up to US\$50,000—that is, if you can find a doctor willing to risk the same penalties.

Under the Health Security Act, the Department of Justice also has the right to confiscate anything you own if you are accused, not necessarily convicted, of threatening the health of anyone or having a "significant detrimental impact on the health care system". Curiously, no monies have been budgeted to fund this new policing bureau. In its own self-interest, the



bureau will have to be zealous in its confiscation of property.

Finally, Clinton's Health Security Bill forbids doctors from withholding information about their patients from the government; medical privacy will no longer be honoured. Doctors can be fined up to US\$10,000 per violation, without trial. This information, according to the health act, can be used for any "lawful purpose", and the National Health Board is authorised to get other information about individuals from any other government agency, including the IRS. Why does a health board need such powers?

The abridgement of freedom and rights in this Health Security Act is too high a price to pay for universal health care. Congress apparently agrees. Senate Bill 1227 exempts members of Congress and all federal employees from any national health care plan. If they don't want it, why should we?

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MARK THATCHER SCRUTINISED

Senior Labour and Liberal Democrat MPs in the UK have called for a public inquiry into detailed allegations that Mark Thatcher received a commission of £12 million on the huge Al Yamamah arms contract with Saudi Arabia, signed by his mother, Margaret Thatcher, when she was prime minister.

It appears that Mark has been the subject of much speculation as to the source of his wealth. NEXUS is puzzled that the usually diligent British media snoops have not uncovered the published accounts of Mark Thatcher's cozy connections and business deals with arms dealers in Chile and South Africa during the mid- to late-'80s.

Mark Thatcher rates several mentions in the book, *Profits of War*, by Ari Ben-Menashe (first published in Australia in 1992). Author Ben-Menashe, formerly of Israeli intelligence, became the scapegoat for an operation that upset US interests during its execution. Upset at his abandonment by Israel, Ben-Menashe determined to publish the story of his life, resulting in this hard-to-get book.

Part of his story includes his organisation of the Israeli intelligence operations against Cardoen Industries in Chile, a major conduit for arms, explosives and chemical weapons to Iraq. In the course of events, Carlos Cardoen introduces Ben-Menashe to

Mark Thatcher. An extract from the book follows:

As [Carlos] Cardoen sat behind his desk and [Mark] Thatcher and I [Ben-Menashe] sat on the other side, we moved on to politics. Thatcher spoke of how much he admired Pinochet as a leader. He glanced up at the president's portrait as he spoke.

"I don't understand why the Americans knock Pinochet for human rights abuses. Why do they do that? I haven't seen or heard of any atrocities."

I asked him about the Falklands war. "Chile was a great friend to Britain during that war," he said.

I was well aware that Pinochet had allowed the British landing rights in Chile, which was crucial to the British war effort. After the war, President Pinochet and Prime Minister Thatcher had struck up quite a friendship—and Thatcher's son, not coincidentally, had sold 48 Chieftan tanks to Chile.

It was obvious Mark Thatcher did not like my line of questioning. He stood up. "I hope you'll excuse me," he said. "I have to go." Turning to Cardoen, he said, "We'll meet again this evening."

He bade me goodbye and left. Cardoen, now standing, smiled at me. He lifted his hands and let them drop.

"See?" he said.

I had seen what he wanted me to see—that Mark Thatcher and his mother were on his side. Nothing else whatsoever had taken place at this meeting."

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MORE DIRTY TRICKS

"It was Robert Gates himself who telephoned Nachum Admoni, the Mossad chief [Israeli intelligence], early in February 1989, and told him that the US was not happy about the trouble the Israelis were stirring up in Chile."

As part of the Israeli operations against Cardoen, Ben-Menashe had leaked stories to *The Financial Times* (11 Nov 1988) and other newspapers, exposing Cardoen's sales of chemical weapons to Iraq. Gates was unhappy, and Admoni's response was cool.

"Admoni quoted a Hebrew saying that translates, "The hat on the thief's head is burning." He meant, more or less, that the Americans had a guilty conscience.

"Gates replied that the Chileans—meaning the faction led by Gen. Mattei—were listening too much to Israel and would have to be taught a lesson.

"The threatened lesson came shortly, when three grapes, out of the whole Chilean fruit harvest exported to the US, worth \$850 million to \$900 million annually, were found to be laced with cyanide. Three tiny grapes out of millions upon millions. It was an astonishing example of diligence by the US Food and Drug Administration..

"The FDA announced that all Chilean food imports into the United States—potentially lethal foodstuffs—would be banned. Shops and supermarkets across the nation withdrew Chilean foods. Empty shelves carried explanations that because of the danger of contamination of Chilean imports, certain articles had been removed for customers' safety.

"The impact was catastrophic for Chile's economy. I was still in Chile when the



effect was felt. It was tragic to watch tearful Chilean farmers trucking their grapes into Santiago and giving away carton-loads of grapes to the population. It was a demonstration of anger and frustration directed against the United States—and their own government. Food prices in Chile crashed, threatening to send the whole economy over the cliff. And all because of three grapes.

"The American FDA tried to convince the Europeans to put a ban on Chilean exports, but it did not catch on."

An internal power struggle inside Chile resulted in an announcement by Chile that it would not sell their F-5Es to Iran as planned.

"This meant, of course, that they would go along with the Americans and continue the trade with Iraq. The effect was almost instantaneous. Suddenly there was no problem with Chilean food in the US. All bans were lifted. Chilean foodstuffs appeared back on the supermarket shelves.

"One for the CIA. And for Carlos Cardoen."

(Source: *From Profits of War: Inside the Secret U.S.-Israeli Arms Network*, by Ari Ben-Menashe, © 1992 by Ari Ben-Menashe. Reprinted with the permission of the publisher, Sheridan Square Press, 145 W. 4th Street, New York, NY 10012, USA)

CANADIAN NEO-NAZI GROUP CREATED BY BRITAIN'S MI5?

Canada's government-appointed intelligence watchdog group is investigating allegations that the Canadian Secret Intelligence Service (CSIS), the counterpart of Britain's MI5, founded and steered Canada's main neo-Nazi organisation,

Heritage Front.

These allegations are also made in a book, titled *The Ugly Truth About the ADL*, which uncovers most neo-Nazi provocateurs as a completely controlled international product of British intelligence operations in North America and elsewhere, with the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) playing a special starring role.

According to the *Toronto Sun*, one Grant Bristow organised the Heritage Front whilst in receipt of \$50,000 per year from the CSIS, and then "threw himself into running a small unit of the front that specialised in dirty-tricks campaigns against anti-racists" by infiltrating such groups and setting them up against each other.

The tactics of creating an imaginary enemy to justify funding are not rare. Take the recent case of US mayoral hopeful, Donald Mintz. He produced and distributed disgusting anti-Jewish leaflets and then appealed to the Jewish community for campaign funds to fight the racists. In this case a local reporter caught him the act and dashed all hopes of being elected.

(Source: *The New Citizen*, Oct-Nov 1994)

OXYGEN THERAPIES UNDER ATTACK IN THE UK

In Australia they're called the TGA (Therapeutic Goods Administration); in America they're called the FDA (Food & Drug Administration); and in the UK they're called the MCA (Medicines Control Agency). But no matter where they are or what they are called, they all have an agenda to restrict public access to "unauthorised" health care treatments.

The British medical bureaucracy, like its counterpart in Australia and the US has

decided that the increasing number of success stories emerging from the use of oxygen therapies has to stop.

In June of last year the Ministry of Health 'visited' the offices of Echo UK, a non-profit oxygen therapies information centre involved only in the dissemination of public domain literature. They had a warrant signed by no less than the Minister of Health, Mrs Virginia Bottomley, giving them authority to inspect all files and literature. Echo UK was informed (incorrectly) that they were breaking the law by distributing some of the information in their possession.

Pressure from the MCA and the Royal Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain was also applied to Echo UK, all in an attempt to stop them distributing already publicly available information.

I suppose, though, the British should consider themselves lucky. I mean, they only get polite gentlemen bearing a warrant to inspect files and literature, while in the USA they send in an armed SWAT team with fully-loaded automatic weapons and wearing flak jackets, who kick the door down, steal everything and trash the place while holding staff and patients at gunpoint against the wall.

(Source: *Echo UK*, 13 Albert Road, Retford, Nottinghamshire DN22 6JD, UK; phone +44 0777 71 0292, fax +44 0777 86 0737)

COLD WAR CON?

When presidents Mikhail Gorbachev and George Bush signed an agreement in 1991 to take all Soviet and US nuclear bombers off alert and put the warheads into storage, it was celebrated as a breakthrough.

But according to an item in the *London Sunday Times*, the two presidents were merely formalising a secret 'arrangement' that had existed for decades.

The truth emerged when the deputy head of Russia's Strategic Air Force, Major General Anatoli Solovyov, revealed that for safety reasons, "we never flew with nuclear weapons, only with imitations".

Similarly, the US Strategic Bomber Fleet was largely grounded after a couple of accidents in the 1960s. (Four nuclear weapons fell from a B-52 bomber off Palomares, Spain, in 1966; and in 1968, a B-52 crashed near the Thule Air Force Base in Greenland with four nuclear bombs on board.) After 1968, all the bombers in the US Strategic Fleet were grounded until the end of the Cold War.

(Source: *The Sunday Times [UK]*, *Sunday Star-Times [NZ]*, 10 July 1994)



WILL MOBILE PHONES BECOME MOBILE ID TAGS?

Not many people realise that the technology exists to track a person's whereabouts from their mobile phone handset via certain types of satellite.

The next step in our technological 'evolution' from the consumer's point of view is that virtually everyone will have their own personal mobile phone, with their own personal mobile phone ID number. Each of these mobile phone handsets emits a virtually continuous signal which is picked up by satellite or ground tower and relayed on. It is rumoured that most handsets emit this signal even when the power is turned off. It is any Big Brother's dream come true in terms of knowing where everyone is at any time.

It was announced in UK newspapers recently that by 1998, mobile phones will go global. Your handset will give you access to a satellite-based system that will allow calls to be made practically anywhere on Earth.

"Iridium, a consortium of 17 major companies led by Motorola, proposes to launch 66 satellites in orbits crossing both poles, ensuring a satellite will fly over every spot on Earth at least once every nine minutes. At any one time at least three satellites will be in view, enabling the handset's precise position to be located."

(Source: *The Weekly Telegraph* [UK], no. 173, 2-8 November 1994)

UN TREATIES—NEW WORLD ORDER BY STEALTH?

Australians are beginning to wake up to the fact that the Federal Government has been very busy making Australia a co-signatory to literally thousands of international treaties. United Nations treaties, with irresistible names such as the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights (ICCPR), are usually signed without as much as a whisper to the public for debate.

When Governor-General Bill Hayden signed the abovementioned ICCPR on 25th December 1991, he hadn't counted on the public uproar that would ensue. Tens of thousands of people phoned and wrote to politicians complaining that the bill was a defacto Bill of Rights being imposed upon all Australians by an unelected faceless UN committee in another country.

The following December, the Governor-General was asked to ratify a treaty (ILO 158) only hours before the dissolution of Parliament. No media release was issued. There was no public debate.

The latest example of the effects of UN treaties upon Australian citizens' rights is of course the homosexual rights issue in Tasmania. Here we have an island state in a democracy where many of the people seem to want the law to stay the way it is. However, it says in one of the several thousand treaties we have signed that this law is not acceptable. It is a pity that the Federal Government did not tell the people of Tasmania this when they signed the treaty in the first place—or was that the general idea?

The following extract is worth reading in light of the above:

"The remarkable growth of international laws had led countries including Australia to surrender parts of their sovereignty to the world community, the former Governor-General of Australia, Sir Ninian Stephen, said last night.

Sir Ninian, chairman of the foundation examining Australia's Constitution, said that international justice and peace would only come by adherence to such laws, of which there are now over 50,000.

His views, expressed at the opening of the International Bar Association conference in Melbourne, echoed those of former Prime Minister, Mr Gough Whitlam.

Mr Whitlam said recently that it was crucial for Canberra to introduce world standards such as United Nations and International Labour Organisation conventions and not be deterred by State's rights.

The 50,000 new international instru-

CORRECTION

The Hearst Corporation's legal division has requested that we print a statement indicating that the article published in NEXUS, vol. 2, no. 20, entitled "Extraterrestrial Archaeology", was not written by David Hatcher Childress. It was in fact written by Mr Zecharia Sitchin, as found in his book titled *Genesis Revisited*, published by Avon Books in 1990.

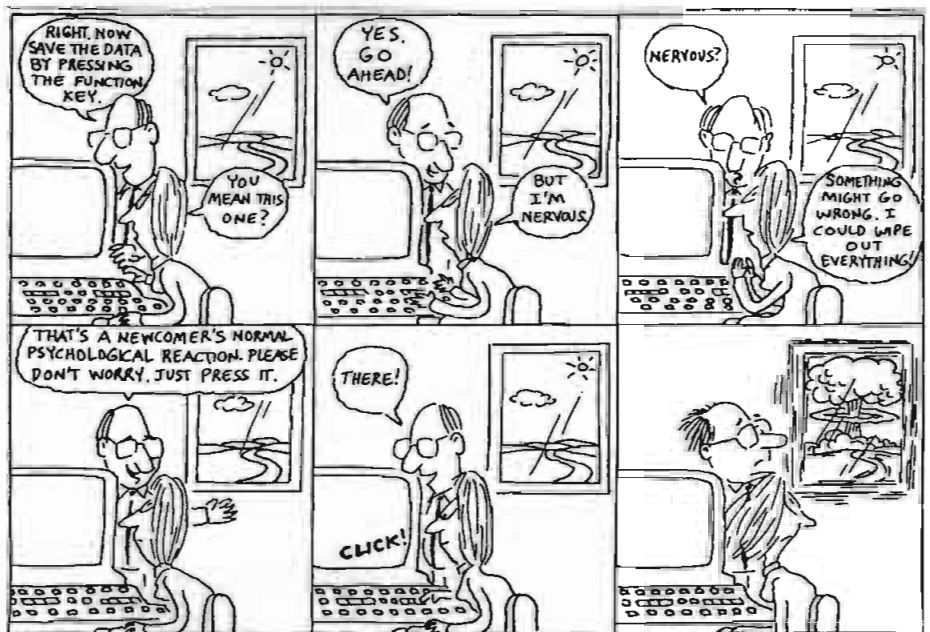
ments, treaties and conventions formed over the past few decades are administered by more than 2,000 new international agencies and instrumentalities, said Sir Ninian.

"The result has been in every country a plethora of new laws appearing on the statute book, giving local effect to newly assumed international obligations," he said.

"Countries have voluntarily surrendered parts of their sovereignty in the cause of interdependence and cooperation.

"It will surely only be by the extension of international law throughout the nations and its universal observance that they (countries) will come to live together at peace and in justice as one world community."

(Sources: *Inside News*, February 1992; *The Australian*, 17 August 1994, 10 October 1994)



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